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My Beloved W. Lo. Garrison.

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It was with much joy I heard of thy safe return home, with a renewal of health.

I conclude it was thou who so kindly mailed to me at Yonkers, the English papers giving an acct. of the public receptions, with which thou wast so spontaneously honored, & which in their results must have been so gratifying, in view of the great principle involved in them. I read the accounts & passed the papers to our friends.

I perceive Wm Lloyd Garrison Mitchell is active in collecting money &c. Did thou make much acquaintance with him?

To return to thy visit in Europe. It certainly must have been greatly blessed to thee, & most joyous to the best & holiest affections of thy being. With what pleasure do I survey thy present position, in the fact that thou hast gloriously survived the conflict of years

Did thou, soon after getting
home, receive a Gonkus's Paper having
a plea for the Freedmen's Fair, embod-
ying a kind allusion to thyself?

My beloved daughter Swain sent
me, last week, a Report of their Fair,
which through the determination &
perseverance of the noble band of
women there, ~~xxxx by xx xxxx~~ & by
their means, has made a fund of over
$3000 — sufficient to make Gonkus
the Banner town in West Chester
County (& perhaps in the State of
New York) in aid of Freedmen's
Schools.

I send thee a paper having
the Report, & if thou art able, & the
time is thine, to write a paragraph,
responsive to that report, (having it
now understood that I may publish
it) I know it will be as Bread cast
on the waters, which will return with
a blessing, in due time!

Address N. Banner, Bellevue, Pass.

If thou art already overtaxed, let the subject pass. I know how thou art pressed, & I shall be quite satisfied to accept the will for the deed, rather than tax thee over much.

To the Pres[t], Mrs Scribner, every thing is due, touching the success wh. has crowned the women's efforts. She brought such an influence to bear on the churches — the Epis copal, especially, that it had to back down from its exclusiveness, & in a measure unite in the noble work; most of the others nobly aiding the work.

We are here making a long visit, boarding in the family of our beloved cousin Chris[r] C. Hussey, the gifted Unitarian Minister.

We each of us wanted a pleasant country retreat for a month or two — my wife especially, whose health is not improving.

With our united love to thee & thine — affec[t]ly thy fr[d] S. Barney.

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